2007 that China had destroyed one of its own meteorological satellites in polar orbit with an interceptor launched from Chinese territory.

(b) and (c) Government has noted that, following the test, China has reiterated its commitment to the longstanding international consensus on peaceful uses of outer space. This consensus, however, could be undermined by continuation of such testing or deployment of weapons in outer space. Government will continue to be closely engaged with the multilateral effort towards keeping outer space free of weapons.

Indians in foreign jails

314. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 929 given in Rajya Sabha on the 30th November, 2006 and state the specific efforts that were made particularly to secure release of 1200 Indian prisoners languishing in Saudi Arabia, 350 from Malaysia, 900 from Bangladesh and more than 800 from Singapore?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMED): Over and above the information in respect of Question No. 929 given in House on 30th November, 2006, additional information as requested for now is being collected from the concerned Missions and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Racist attack in Russia

315. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have directed all Ambassadors and High Commissioners to intervene and rectify high-handedness in dealing with Indian citizens in foreign countries;

(b) whether Indian students face racist attacks in Russia;

(c) whether Embassy in Moscow interacts with the Russian Government on each and every violent attack on Indian students; and